FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT FOR INTS MAJOR

International Studies majors are required to demonstrate intermediate level proficiency in at least one foreign language. Cultivating proficiency in a foreign language not only provides students with the linguistic skills and cultural competencies that are increasingly in demand in an interconnected and globalizing workforce, but it also exposes students to new ways of thinking and learning, thereby sharpening cognitive and critical thinking abilities.

This requirement may be satisfied in one of three ways:

(1) by completing the final course in the intermediate sequence of one foreign language taught at DU with a C- or better;
(2) by successfully testing-out of the entire intermediate level of a foreign language taught at DU, via the undergraduate placement exam, administered by the Center for World Languages and Cultures;
(3) by successfully demonstrating intermediate level proficiency in one foreign language, via an alternative testing option pre-arranged with the Director of the Center for World Languages and Cultures.

Moreover, please note the following:

• This is not necessarily a credit-bearing requirement. Any coursework taken to satisfy the INTS foreign language (FOLA) proficiency requirement will be in addition to the 44 minimum credit hours required for the INTS major.

• The foreign language proficiency requirement for the INTS major is separate from general university, “common curriculum” requirements. Please direct questions regarding how to satisfy the foreign language requirement for the common curriculum to the general Office of Undergraduate Academic Advising.

• The languages currently offered by the Department of Languages and Literatures at DU include Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Russian, and Spanish.

• Students entering the University with previous language training in one of the aforementioned languages will be required to take the undergraduate placement exam prior to/during orientation in order to ascertain the appropriate level at which to continue language study while at DU.

• Students without previous training in one of the aforementioned foreign languages are not required to take the placement exam. Instead, these students will simply register for the first course of the beginning sequence of their selected language. For planning purposes, students should remember that all foreign language courses at DU are sequenced and that most sequences begin in Fall Quarter.

• International students that speak English as a second language may request a waiver of the INTS foreign language requirement, presuming they have satisfied the minimum TOFEL score of 80 (IBT) and at least 20 on all TOEFL sub-scores.

• Testing out of the first or second year of foreign language, via the undergraduate placement exam, does not reduce the total number of 183 hours needed to graduate from DU with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

• Students who satisfy the intermediate foreign language proficiency requirement for INTS via the undergraduate placement exam or an alternative testing option must present the exam results to the Director of Undergraduate Student Affairs, in order for the results to be recorded by the INTS department.

• For the purpose of graduation verification, exam completion and result submission must be finalized in a timely manner. For a schedule of quarterly INTS deadlines (excluding summer), please contact the Director of Undergraduate Student Affairs.

• INTS majors that qualify for foreign language substitution through the Disability Service Program (DSP), must complete two years’ worth of foreign language (FOLA) substitution. INTS will require a final memo from the DSP verifying completion for INTS departmental records.